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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 26, 2004 in the above-referenced application, Applicants hereby request reinstatement of the appeal pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.193(b)(2). A Supplemental Appeal Brief is submitted concurrently herewith.

In the present Office Action, the Examiner has raised, for the first time, objections to the specification. Specifically, the Examiner has objected to the specification contending that it contains references to related applications which should be made by application number and filing date (present Office Action; page 2, paragraph 2). The Examiner has also objected to the specification under MPEP §608.01 as containing an embedded hyperlink and/or other form of browser-executable code (present Office Action; page 2, paragraph 3).

In response, Applicants respectfully request that the above-noted objections be held in abeyance pending a resolution of the appeal which is being reinstated, at which point Applicants stand ready to amend the specification as may be required to address the Examiner's objections.

Respectfully submitted,

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